AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An interior window covering frame assembly comprising:

an elongate core substrate ~~configured to entirely frame an interior facing surface of a window opening, wherein said elongate core substrate comprises~~having a thickness of less than 5/16 inch, said elongate core substrate having an elongate lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange ~~dividing~~ intersecting the elongate lateral plate ~~into~~ to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein said elongate lateral plate is ~~configured to be~~ coupled to an interior facing wall surface having a first plane, said elongate lateral plate being coupled to the interior facing wall surface in the first plane, and the flange extending outwardly from the elongate lateral plate in a second plane that is substantially perpendicular to the first plane ~~in a parallel fashion to an adjacent wall, and wherein said elongate flange is configured to extend out from said wall~~;

a connecting channel coupled to at least one of ~~first portion of~~ a first face of said flange and ~~to~~ said first portion of said lateral plate;

a window covering coupled to ~~a second portion of~~ said first face of said flange~~, wherein said second portion of said flange is configured to retain at least a portion of said window covering~~; and

a decorative covering abutting ~~both~~ at least one of a second face of said flange and said second portion of said lateral plate~~, wherein said decorative covering substantially conceals said second face of said flange and said second portion of said lateral plate~~.

2. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate comprises at least one material having an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E.

3. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said substrate is formed of material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

4. (currently amended) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, further comprising a hinge coupled to~~wherein~~ said second portion of said first face of said flange~~ is configured to retain a hinge attached to said window covering~~.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

7. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 1, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

8. (currently amended) An interior window covering frame assembly for entirely framing an interior facing of a window opening, the assembly comprising:

an elongate core substrate having ~~a thickness less than 5/16 inch and comprising at least one material having~~ an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E, said elongate core substrate having an elongate lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, ~~wherein~~ the flange intersecting said elongate lateral plate to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein said elongate lateral plate is ~~is configured to be~~ coupled to an interior facing wall surface having a first plane, said elongate lateral plate being coupled to the interior facing wall surface in the first plane, and the flange extending outwardly from the elongate lateral plate in a second plane that is substantially perpendicular to the first plane;~~in a parallel fashion to an adjacent wall, and wherein said flange is configured to extend out from said wall and to retain a hinge that is coupled to a decorative window covering;~~

a connecting channel coupled to ~~a~~ at least one of the second portion of said lateral plate and ~~to~~ a first portion of said flange;

a window covering coupled to a second portion of said flange; and

a decorative covering abutting at least one of a second portion of said lateral plate and a third portion of said flange ~~, wherein said decorative covering conceals said second portion of said lateral plate and said third portion of said flange~~.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said substrate is formed of material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

11. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

12. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame assembly of claim 8, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

13. (currently amended) An interior window covering frame system comprising:

an ~~window having an associated window jamb and adjacent~~ interior facing wall surface having a first plane;

an ~~frame~~ elongate core substrate ~~configured to entirely frame an interior facing surface of an opening of said window, said substrate~~ comprising a lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange ~~dividing~~ intersecting said lateral plate ~~into~~ to provide a first portion and a second portion to provide a cross-sectional t-shape, wherein said lateral plate is ~~configured to be~~ coupled to said interior facing wall surface in a first plane~~in a parallel fashion to said adjacent wall~~, and wherein said flange extends outwardly from the lateral plate in a second plane that is substantially perpendicular to the first plane, the elongate core substrate ~~is configured to extend out from said wall, said substrate being configured to be mounted to at least one of said window jamb and said adjacent wall, said frame substrate~~ having a thickness of less than 5/16 inch and comprising at least one material having an elastic modulus greater than 2.3E;

~~at least one~~a connecting channel coupled to said ~~frame substrate wherein said connecting channel is configured to be coupled to a perpendicularly oriented connecting channel along a second~~ elongate ~~lateral plate~~core substrate;

a window covering coupled to said ~~frame substrate~~flange; and

a decorative covering coupled to said elongate ~~said frame substrate to substantially conceal at least a portion of said frame~~ core substrate.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said ~~frame substrate~~elongate core substrate comprises a material selected from the group consisting of fiberglass, metal, graphite and reinforced plastic.

16. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said decorative covering comprises a material selected from the group consisting of wood, plastic, wood composite, cloth and paint.

17. (previously presented) The interior window covering frame system of claim 13, wherein said window covering comprises a shutter.

18. (currently amended) A method for anchoring an interior window covering to an interior facing surface of ~~an interior window, the interior window having a window jamb and an adjacent~~a wall, the wall having a first plane, said method comprising:

providing a frame substrate that comprises a thickness of less than 5/16 inch and has , by volume, an elastic modulus greater than wood, and wherein said substrate further comprises a lateral plate and a flange perpendicularly coupled to said lateral plate, the flange dividing the lateral plate into a first portion and a second portion;

coupling said lateral plate of said frame substrate to ~~one of a window jamb and an~~said ~~adjacent~~ wall surface in the first plane, ~~wherein said lateral plate is coupled in a parallel fashion to said adjacent wall, and~~ wherein said flange extends outwardly from said lateral plate in a second plane that is substantially perpendicular to said first plane, and wherein said flange ~~is positioned to extend out from said adjacent wall and has a depth sufficient~~includes a mounting surface to receive ~~accommodate~~ a hinge attached to said interior window covering;

using a connecting channel to interconnect a first portion of said frame substrate ~~with~~ to a second portion of said frame substrate;

~~coupling said connecting channel to a perpendicularly oriented connecting channel along a second elongate lateral plate;~~

~~abutting~~coupling a decorative covering to ~~a second portion of~~ said frame substrate ~~to substantially conceal said second portion of said frame substrate~~; and

~~attaching~~ coupling said hinge of said interior window covering to said flange ~~; and~~

using said flange to retain said hinge that is coupled to said interior window covering.